



Summary of Draft Parks & Countryside Green Spaces Strategy (Jan 2008)

The primary purpose of this Strategy is to influence, guide and support work by Bracknell Forest Borough Council and other agencies in determining the provision and management of green infrastructure throughout the borough.

This involves development of new provision alongside management and improvement of existing facilities.

The principle is to focus on:

Priority ➡ Objective ➡ Action

Policy Priorities

Key factors include:

- Size, location, function and distribution – ensuring that the right facility is in the best place
- Quality and management – identifying and securing resources to enable year on year improvements, including the production and delivery of management plans and partnership working to optimise the use of skills and expertise
- Community engagement – active involvement of local people, alongside addressing barriers to participation, including perceptions and behaviour

Themes

3 key themes:

- Quantity
- Quality
- Use

These encompass:

- The amount of green space
- The standard of provision
- The range of activities and functions facilitated
- Community engagement
- Management to enable successful delivery

Objectives

- A. Green Space Provision:** secure and safeguard infrastructure for recreation, play, sport, health, biodiversity and heritage that is sustainable; appropriate to need; strategically located and adaptable to future requirements
- B. Management and Development:** deliver safe and welcoming environs; achieving and raising quality standards
- C. Use and Enjoyment:** ensure places support and sustain well-being; encouraging participation and enabling social inclusion

Actions

Resulting actions focus on:

- Function
- Distribution
- Access - to / within / between green spaces
- Community – use and involvement including non users, minority groups and under represented audiences
- Marketing and Promotion
- Education and Awareness
- Management